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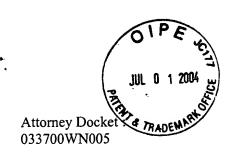
## REQUEST **FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/750,280
Filing Date	December 29, 2000
Examiner Name	L. Wells
First Named Inventor	D. Scott WILBUR
Group Art Unit	1617
Attorney Docket Number	033700.005

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:	)	
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Filed: December 29, 2000	)	Examiner: L. Wells

For: TRIFUNCTIONAL REAGENT FOR CONJUGATION TO A BIOMOLECULE

## **AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A reply to the Notice of Granted Petition indicated that a response to the Notice of Appeal was due by June 9, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, large entity) is enclosed, extending the date to July 9, 2004. Therefore, please accept this Amendment and accompanying Request for Continuing Examination as timely filed.

In response to the Notice and the outstanding Office Action, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: